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I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE MONITORS, BUT ACCORDING TO 25X1 THE BBC WOULD NOT AGREE TO ASSIGNING A MONITOR TO IT WOULD REDUCE THEIR RUSSIAN CAPABILITY WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY OFF-SETTING BENEFITS. PROCESSING SEOUL RECORDINGS HERE GIVES THE BBC GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN USE OF THEIR RUSSIAN TEAM IN THAT THEY CAN BE SHIFTED FROM REGIONAL TO MOSCOW PROCESSING OR VICE VERSA AS THE OCCASION DEMANDS. BBC VIEWS PROPOSAL AS A FURTHER DIMINUTION OF FBIS-BBC'S ADDITIONALLY JOINT RUSSIAN CAPABILITY -- A STEP WHICH THEY DO NOT FAVOR AND ABOUT WHICH BOTH LONDON AND VIENNA HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN (SEE REF B).

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